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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, NOVEMBER 7

1. WP (OP-ED PAGE) STEVE ROSENFELD COLUMN CLAIMS PRESIDENT FAILED TO GIVE SUFFICIENT WEIGHT TO "MOMENTOUS POLICY ISSUES" IN REJUGGLING CABINET POSITIONS. US AND SOVIETS ARE PROBABLY AT POINT OF NO RETURN ON DETENTE, AND KISSINGER AND SCHLESINGER WERE ESSENTIALLY AGREED ON THE POLICY, THOUGH DIFFERING ON TACTICS. NOW, ROSENFELD ARGUES, KREMLIN HARDLINERS MAY BE TEMPTED TO PUSH ALL THE HARDER TO EXPLOIT ADVANTAGE PERCEIVED IN "SCHLESINGER'S DISGRACE AND FORD'S LIGHTEADEDNESS."

2. NYT (PAGE 1) ARTICLE BY JOHN CREWDSON SAYS HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE HAS OBTAINED SUBSTANTIAL INFORMATION POINTING TO EFFORT WITHIN FORD ADMINISTRATION TO DISTORT OFFICIAL AMERICAN ESTIMATES OF SOVIET NUCLEAR WEAPONS STRENGTH AND DEPLOYMENT. COMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTOR SUGGESTED SOME SORT OF DOUBLE BOOKKEEPING MIGHT HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON BOTH EXTENT OF US NUCLEAR DEPLOYMENT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTIMATES OF SOVIET STRENGTH.

3. NYT (PAGE 6) RICHARD HALLOHAB REPORTS FROM TOKYO THAT JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS HAVE BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT SELLING 1.7 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF MAJOR REACTOR COMPONENTS TO SOVIETS.

4. SUN (PAGE 6) MATTHEW J. SEIDEN ALSO REPORTS ON POTENTIAL SALE OF JAPANESE REACTOR COMPONENTS TO USSR, DESCRIBED AS "THE BASIC COMPONENTS FOR TEN NUCLEAR PLANTS WORTH MORE THAN 800 MILLION DOLLARS."

5. SUN (PAGE 9) REUTERS REPORTS THAT COOK INDUSTRIES OF MEMPHIS, ONE OF BIGGEST US GRAIN DEALERS, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT IT HAD SOLD ANOTHER 1.1 MILLION TONS TO SOVIETS. (ALSO STAR)

6. STAR (PAGE 1) HENRY BRADSHER COMMENTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE TRANSITION THAT SOVIETS WILL FACE WHEN BREZHNEV STEPS DOWN, POINTING OUT THAT KREMLIN HAS NO EXPERIENCE WITH NORMAL CHANGE. BRADSHER SAYS NEW LEADER IS UNLIKELY TO BE A PERSON TO SHAKE VESTED

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